



# Junior Ranger Log Steps



# Crew 1



- Favorite tool: Pulaski
- Favorite game: Mafia
- Favorite week: 3rd Week
- Favorite hat of Arlo's: The big white one
- Favorite EE: SARDUS (the dog one)
- Favorite view: Chautauqua amphitheatre
- Favorite safety: Evil rocks
- Favorite PPE: Boots
- Favorite safety circle question: Apocolypse tool
- Favorite weather: cloudy

Hannah, Willie, Antonio, Nile, Samuel, Severin, Wynton, Lucia, Sophia, Yarely, Connor (not pictured: Arlo, Mylan)



Arlo and Nile working at Dowdy Draw



Lucia and Sophie setting rocks



Willie and Antonio pulling Dames Rocket for our Resto Crews



Crew Lead Samuel showing Severin and Wynton an inchworm

Most impactful project: Ski Jump was our most impactful trail because we created a whole new tread and transformed a piece of land into a more sustainable trail for people to get out and enjoy nature. Along with this we also gained loads of experience from this project.

# Crew 2



Creating watercolor scenes with naturalist Sarah.



Devon, Quinn, Sebastian, Ryan, Lea, Rylan, Brian, Connor, Jude, Britt, Blake, Oliver, Arya, Meghan

Let me introduce to you  
 The epic adventures of Crew Two  
 Rock setting was a breeze  
 Along with chipping many trees  
 We saw the southernmost paper birch  
 And spread manure (compost) by a church  
 Ergonomics saved our backs  
 During OSHA breaks, we ate snacks  
 We always wear our PPE  
 And now it's done, we're sad to leave



Arya placing one of the Climate Crews' Kestral Drops so the crew can collect data on the temperature, pressure, and humidity of that specific area. They placed multiple on Marshall Mesa and Ski Jump to compare different microclimates.



Setting rocks on Dowdy Draw



Trying out the wildland fire fighting hose with Dave G!



# Crew 3

Favorite music in the truck:

Grateful Dead

Favorite music in the burb:

Led Zeppelin

Favorite shoulder: Brynn

Favorite theme song: Break my stride

Favorite animal: Ponderosa Octopine

Favorite tool: mini picks

Favorite gatorade flavor: red

Favorite game: mafia

Favorite snack: Welch's

Favorite project: Bear Peak timber steps

Favorite movie marathon: Lord of the

Rings

Favorite word: gnarly



JR's building connections through teamwork!



Ranger Taylor teaching the crew about Raptors



Dave G teaching the JR's about the wildland fire fighting rig



**Brynn, Cian, Jose, Patrick, Peter, Connor, Alex Bella, Wren, Elias**

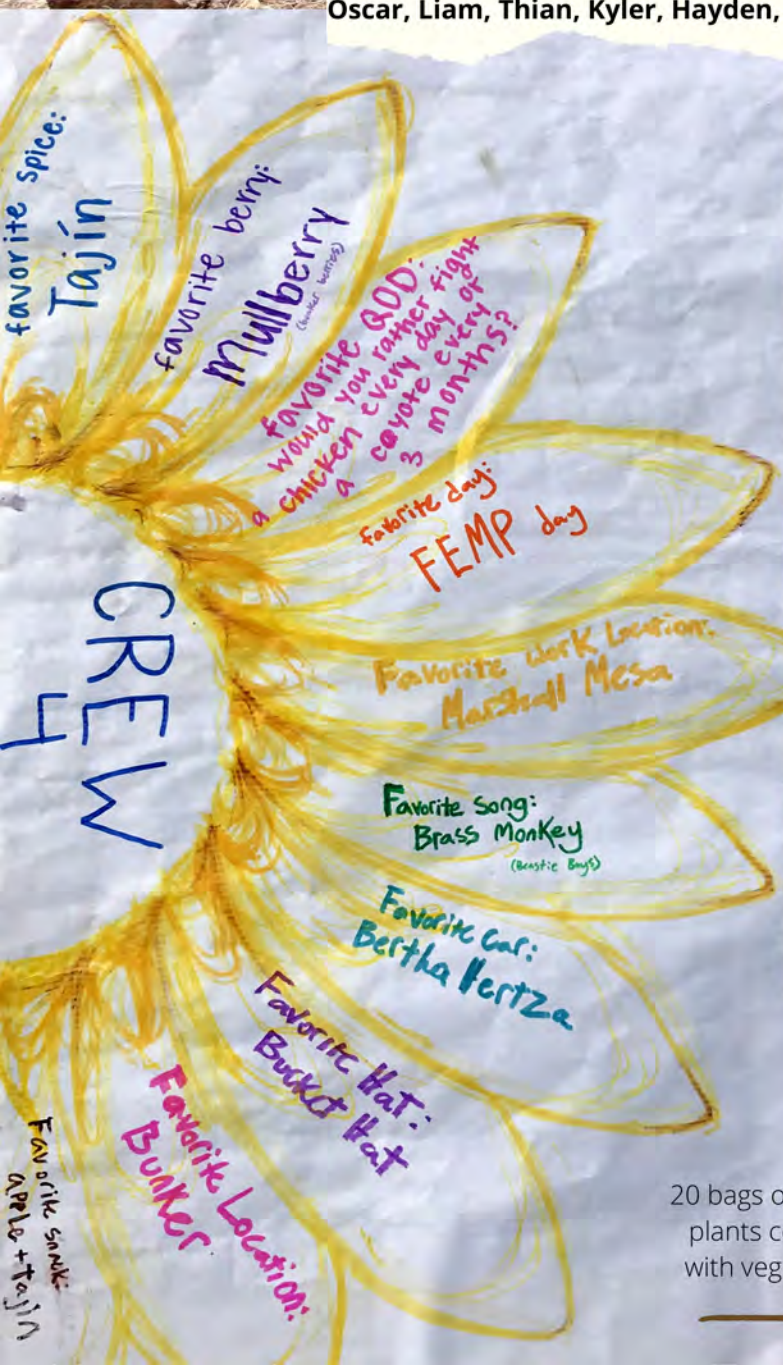


Working for the JR Program has taught us the intrinsic value of open space and the importance of collaborating with a team to act as stewards of our environment. The projects we have done this session have shown us the impact of this program and conservation work as a whole. During recent fires, the mitigation efforts that Junior Rangers contributed to reduced the damages to the area (FEMP, Vegetation Management). Connecting to the environment and the community, this job is not only important, but also fun and we enjoy doing it.

# Crew 4



Oscar, Liam, Thian, Kyler, Hayden, Austen, Alban, Sylvie, Mazarine, Liam



Crew 4 with Leidy after Multilingual Nature Journaling



20 bags of invasive plants collected with vegetation



# Crew 5

Slogan: Better than dynamite  
 Favorite game: The vegetable game  
 Greatest accomplishment: FEMP  
 Fun Project: Bridge demolition  
 Favorite song: Heat Waves  
 Toughest Challenge: Scaling up the side of a mountain with planks of wood on the back  
 Favorite tool: Mcleods  
 Crew 9! (combined crews with 4 and 5)



Trying on FEMP's fire kits and learning about the tractor



Bridge deconstruction in Bear Canyon



Liam, Andy, Tra'mya, Jaziel, Malachi, Sasha, Elias, Jose, Juanita, Portia, David, Leidy



Crew 5 playing "Animals in a Blender," a team-building activity with expressive animal noises



Rock setting with Ailish on Bear Peak



Elias and Tra'mya digging trenches at Marshall Mesa



# Youth Rangers



Some of our favorite days (in no order):

- Flight for Life
- Search and rescue on Bison Dr.
- CU Mountain Research
- CPR/first aid
- Bat night
- Agriculture work day
- Self defense tactics
- Sheriff's office & PD



Learning about organic farming on open space agricultural lands

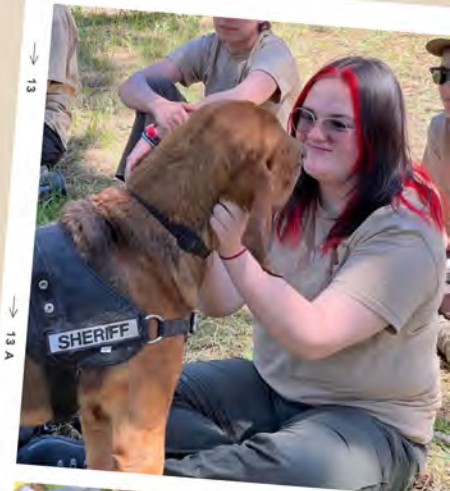
Heather, Sam, Fiona, Chloe, Dana, Rose, Melinda, Ben, Chayton, Megan, Bailey, Owen, Ryn, Beck, Arian (not pictured: Roman)



"I've really enjoyed the program, from all the new experiences to learning so many new things, to getting to do some real, meaningful work on OSMP land, to meeting lots of awesome people - both rangers, leaders, and co-YRs."



Cooling off on a hot summer day!



Teambuilding through the cube



Melinda & Arian with the Flight for Life helicopter



Meeting Search & Rescue Dogs and K9 Unit

# YSI

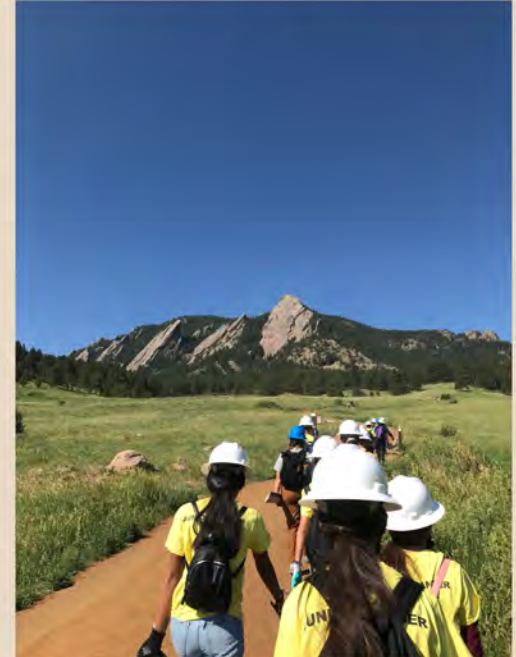


Juan, Jacob, Angel, Luis, Marco, Yuri, Brenda, Yesenia, Giselle, Maddie, Celeste



Vicki, Evelyn, Danna, Cindy, Alexandra, Luis, Jonathan, David, Luis (not pictured: Liam & Allyson)

Introducing... the brave and bold middle school edition: The YSI Junior Rangers. A group of 20 strong youth began a pilot program centered on hard work and lasting friendship! Hand in hand with OSMP and Parks & Rec, we introduced trail work to the broader youth community. The ENTIRE cohort completed their 7 week summer session with new skills in tool handling, safety, restoration, trail development, hiking, and time management. We made our biggest impact at the new reroute for the Bluebell trail.

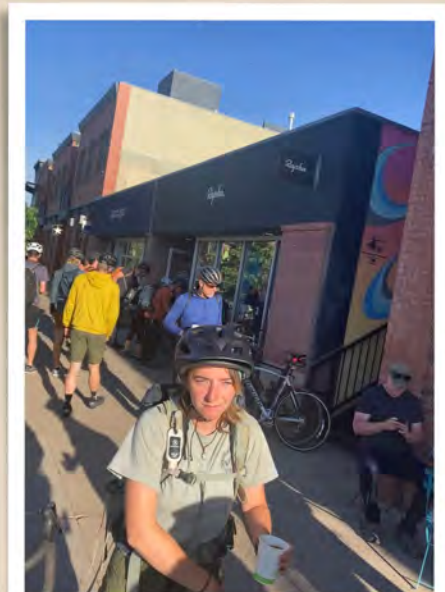




# Bike to Work Day



Junior Rangers joined in for a statewide bike-to-work day movement. The group was able to make it to 5 breakfast stops before starting their workday.





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# CREW 1

Oliver and Anna setting some rocks



Julia trying on the FEMP gear



Trailside sillies

**Julia, Lucien, Jase, Jaden, Oliver, JaRon, Mannon, Samuel, Anna, Eve, Tessa, Hannah (not pictured: Alex)**

Our favorite Environmental Education activities were the accessibility trails EE and the wildlands fire fighting EE. We liked the accessibility trails EE because it opened a window into what people with physical disabilities experience on a day-to-day basis. During this EE, OSMP employees Topher and Vijay guided us around the wonderland lake as we used wheelchairs for the first time. This experience taught us the importance of accessible trails as well as how we can improve them to ensure everyone has a place on Boulder's trails. The wildland fire fighting EE taught us how we can prevent wildfires as well as the things that wildland firefighters do to protect us and our open space.



New accessible trail at Junior Ranger HQ



Crew 1 Flag



# CREW 2



Henry, Ali, Lily, Dawn, Elizabeth, Cameron, Miles, Jeremy, Arthur, Owyn



Workday with Ranger Dave

Ali checking the outslope using a trail gauge



Team timber carry



Helping FEMP collect branches, carry gear, and operate the chipper



Analyzing climate data



Showcasing their findings during presentation day

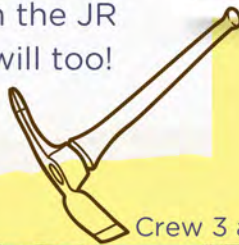
# CREW 3



Reflection: After working with the JR program, we see the value that OSMP provides for our community. Over the past 5 weeks, we helped restore our natural environment from Marshall Fire, rerouted trails to make them more sustainable, and mitigated the invasive plant species that harm our native vegetation. Not only do we assist OSMP we also build long lasting relationships and grow more as individuals. We are all grateful to participate in the JR program and hope you will too!



**Kaden, Sathya, Auden, Brynn, Alex, Nataly  
Juan, Cullen, Braiden, Addison  
(not pictured: Riven, Noah, Taman)**



Cullen and Juan with a freshly finished step

Crew 3 at Marshall Mesa



Advice for a future JR:

- Have on mind overexertion and with that pacing yourself
- A frozen Gatorade will transform into a nice slushie by lunch.
- Self-care at home contributes to success at work.
- Measure twice to dig only once.
- Go slow to go fast!
- Bring yourself something to sit on at lunch.

# CREW 4

AKA Trowel Hogs



Daelin, Cy, John, Sawyer, Ansel, (Owen), Isabella, Helena, Lizzy, Lily



Absorbing the sunrays on top of Bear Peak



Ponytail day



### LNT Rap

Here's LNT please listen to me!  
 To make sure you have fun yeah  
 Number one plan ahead to make sure you don't wind up dead  
 Number two, this one's for you walk on durable surfaces cuz that's what their purpose is  
 Number three, listen properly dispose of waste, leave no trace on open space  
 Let me tell you some more, here's number four minimize your fire impact to keep our world intact  
 Number five, leave what you find, to keep guilt from your mind  
 Remember number 6, you and wildlife don't mix, get too close, you just might turn into a ghost ...  
**RESPECT WILDLIFE...**  
 Shoutout to Kevin, it's time for number seven respect mothers, brothers, and all others, it may not sound like LNT but it must be taken seriously no matter who you are, no matter where you be, if you follow LNT you'll live sustainably



Eco heroes showing off their reusable bottles



Assisting the FEMP team with wood chipping



Clearing out cattails

# CREW 5



**Ethan, Maxwell, Ben, Lucia, Linda, Alexis, Alexandra, Lauren, Linus, Fiona, Caue, Sasha, Cal, David**



### How has being a JR impacted you?

"Being a JR has opened my experiences not only outdoors but in myself. It has made me feel different emotions and taken me out of my comfort zone." - Alexis

"This program also taught me a lot about the town and hiking trails and mountains I have grown up in. JR also made me believe in myself both mentally and physically." -Alexandra

"There's always going to be difficulties with anything you do, but with JR we learn and gain skills from those challenges that then we can look back on and reflect." - Lucia



Operating the fire hoses with Dave G



Crew hydration break

Strategizing a plan for getting across the river

Walking through the Cube Challenge

